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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2008**

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**J O I N T   R E S O L U T I O N**

**CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT COMMISSION TO STUDY THE UNDERGROUND  
ECONOMY AND EMPLOYEE MISCLASSIFICATION**

Introduced By: Representative Arthur J. Corvese

Date Introduced: February 26, 2008

Referred To: House Labor

1           RESOLVED, That a special joint commission be and the same is hereby created  
2     consisting of fifteen (15) members: three (3) of whom shall be members of the Senate, not more  
3     than two (2) from the same political party, to be appointed by the President of the Senate; three  
4     (3) of whom shall be members of the House of Representatives, not more than two (2) from the  
5     same political party, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; one of whom shall be the  
6     Director of the Department of Labor and Training, or designee; one of whom shall be a member  
7     of the Worker's Compensation Court, to be appointed by the Chief Judge; one of whom shall be  
8     the Director of the Department of Business Regulation, or designee; one of whom shall be a  
9     representative of the Division of Taxation, to be appointed by the Director of the Department of  
10    Revenue; three (3) of whom shall be representatives of the Workers' Compensation Advisory  
11    Council, to be appointed by its Chairman, one of whom shall be representative of labor, one of  
12    whom shall be representative of business and one of whom shall be representative of insurance;  
13    and two (2) of whom shall be public members, one of whom shall be representative of small  
14    business, and one of whom shall be representative of labor, to be appointed by the President of  
15    the Senate and Speaker of the House.

16           In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory  
17    commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly  
18    resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu  
19    of a legislator, provided that the majority leader or the minority leader of the political party which

1 is entitled to the appointment consent to the member of the general public.

2 The purpose of said commission shall be to study the underground economy and  
3 employee misclassifications as it relates to workers' compensation, taxation and unemployment,  
4 and possible solutions to a developing problem thereby lessening the impact on government and  
5 law abiding business and workers.

6 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at  
7 the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House and organize and shall select,  
8 from among the legislators, a chairperson. Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like  
9 manner as the original appointment.

10 The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

11 All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information,  
12 documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or  
13 desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

14 The Joint Committee on Legislative Services is hereby authorized and directed to provide  
15 suitable quarters for said commission; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the  
17 General Assembly no later than January 27, 2009 and said commission shall expire on June 27,  
18 2009.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF  
JOINT RESOLUTION  
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ECONOMY AND EMPLOYEE MISCLASSIFICATION

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- 1           This resolution would create a fifteen (15) member special joint commission whose  
2   purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study of the underground economy and employee  
3   misclassification, and who would report back to the General Assembly no later than January 27,  
4   2009 and whose life shall expire on June 27, 2009.

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